

SENATE BILL 423

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-18-302 and Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to juvenile traffic offenders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-146(a), is amended by adding the following language to the end of the subsection:

If such a hearing is granted during the academic school year, the court shall schedule the hearing so that it does not interfere with the child's academic schedule.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-146, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(c) In any case or class of cases the judge of any juvenile court may waive jurisdiction of traffic violators who are sixteen (16) years of age or older, and such cases shall be heard by the court or courts having jurisdiction of adult traffic violations, or the child may pay the stipulated fine to a traffic bureau. When a hearing is necessary, transferred cases involving juvenile traffic violators shall be heard at a time that does not interfere with the child's academic schedule.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.